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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KESWICK. E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Shanghai, EVAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5% per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 25, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £2800,000. RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, versus MAHMOUD CHOY KHETSKY, sued for and on behalf of all the Partners, comprising the Firm of NURSEY KESSOWIE & Co.—Suit No. 3, Original Jurisdiction.

By Order of CHARLES F. A. SANGSTER, Esq., Sheriff under direction from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, by virtue of an Execution in the Supreme Court in the above-named Suit.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 26th April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the residence of Messrs NURSEY KESSOWIE & Co.,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Office Desks, Tables, Chairs, Copying Press, Shelves, and Scales.

Dining Table, Side-board, Crockery and Glassware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Tables, Mirrors, Pictures, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

TRIPLE MARK

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS. VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

FOR SALE.

COKE.....\$7.50 per ton. COAL TAR.....5 cents per gallon. Delivery to be taken at the Gas Works, West-Point.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap20

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet. THE AMENDED HONG LIST, in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes. CHRISTY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS. BELLWOOD'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS. FRENCH LIGHT SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.

ELECTRO-PLATED ICE PAILS, ICE TONGS, ICE SHOVELS, ICE PITCHERS. The New ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS for Kerosine, perfectly safe. ELECTRO-PLATED CIGAR LAMPS, LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS. POCKET SIFPHONIAS and WATERPROOF COATS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS, PERFUMERY and TOILET SOAPS. INDIA RUBBER AIR BEDS, CUSHIONS and PILLOWS. The New CHIT BOOKS, MAPS OF AFGHANISTAN. CAFETIERES. COCOA-NUT MATTING & MATS. New SCARVES, BRACES and COLLARS.

The PATENT LIFE JACKETS and SWIMMING BELTS. MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES. DE LA RUE'S and AMERICAN FLAYING CARDS. The Celebrated HUNYADI JANOS MINERAL WATER. SPATT'S FIBRINE DOG BISCUITS. MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

MAPS OF CHINA. A LARGE COLLECTION OF WORKS OF REFERENCE. FAMILY SCALES. OVERLAND TRUNKS. DOG COLLARS. ALBUMS. SCRAP BOOKS. SEPMAN'S OFFICE FILES. COPYING PRESSES.

CLARETS, SAUTERNES and OTHER LIGHT SUMMER WINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of the Association of the Company, and of the Companies Ordinance 1865, an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 6th day of May next, for the purpose of passing a special Resolution making certain alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company to the following effect, viz:—

1. That the General Managers, with the sanction of the Consulting Committee, in any years that the accounts of the Company shall render it desirable, may pay losses wholly or in part out of the excess of the Reserve Fund over and above \$250,000, in order that contributing and other Shareholders may not unnecessarily be deprived of Bonus and Dividend such changes to take effect from the 1st January, 1878.

2. That the annual bonus payable to contributing Shareholders and the annual contribution to the reserve fund be left to the discretion of the General Managers and Consulting Committee, and that the sum to be annually appropriated to dividend be subject to the approval of the Company in Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby also given that a Second Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held, at the same hour and place, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of May next, for the purpose of confirming such special Resolution as aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of April, 1879. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

C. POPPELBAUM begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr. H. SCHUREN—well-known in Hongkong—and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by Mr. SCHUREN, and had long experience in some of the most Celebrated Studios in Europe, he will take any Work in PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee satisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 25th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st Instant.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

Shanghai, 18th April, 1879. my23

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November. Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Hon. C. MAY having been compelled by serious illness to leave for England, the Undersigned, his Attorneys, will pay and Receive all Accounts due by or to him.

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879. ap27

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP & DANBY.

SHARP & Co., Estate Agents and Valuers.

WILLIAM DANBY, O. E., Architect and Surveyor.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co. Hongkong, April 17, 1879. my17

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHU, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WILLIAM SALWAY in our Firm CEASED on the 1st Instant. Mr. W. WILSON will Sign the Firm in Liquidation.

WILSON & SALWAY, Architects, &c.

WITH Reference to the above, I have admitted Mr. SOTHEBY GODFREY BIRD as a Partner; the Business will henceforward be continued under the Name of 'WILSON & BIRD.'

W. WILSON.

Hongkong, April 7, 1879. my7

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last. Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jy1

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the Foochow Locks, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co., Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jy8

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. TREBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 23, 1879. ap20

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.

Hongkong, April 23, 1879. ap28

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 22, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "IBAOUADY," Commandant GUYON, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 22, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "THOS. FLETCHER," Capt. PENNINGTON, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap29

FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Ship "REPUBLIC," Capt. HOLMES, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. my1

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship "ONEIDA," Captain OLYVA, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "HAZE," EVANS, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

FOR MANILA.

The A 1 Italian Bark "EMILIO V.," MEDELLO, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "ADITH," MANSON, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship "PRIMA DONNA," LUNT, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," LEWIS, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "STRAOATHRO," MILLAR, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

Journal from the Book of Rites.
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.
The Ballads of the Shi-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ang.
Alchemy in China.
Appendix to Wylie's "Coins of the Ch'ing Dynasty." "Hien Fung" Period.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—
A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas' Dictionary.
Trouts in China.
Ancient Vases.
Inheritance.
Greeting the Spring.
Adoption.
The Term Kwal.
Mongol and Yun-pao.
Leasehold Vases.
Chinese Coins.
Continuation of the King of Loohoo.
The Original Alphabet.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *OCEANIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature here, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap28

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

H. L. c/o Mr A. Marty, No. 1, 1 case Arms, from Marseilles.

Ex "Anadyr."

Lieut. Joubert, Hanoi, 2 cases Wax, from Saigon.

Ex "Pitho."

AME (in diamond) Nos. 3, Order, 1 case H.L.S. Cotton, from L'don.

S.P. Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras.

Ex "Sindh."

M.F.C. 20 boxes Tobacco, from London.

K.J. (in diamond) (No. 105, Order) 1 case P.U. Linen, from London.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GOLDEN FLEECES, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire, Gilman & Co.

ORFIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jensen, Arnold, Karberg & Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. R. L. Cary, Adamson, Bell & Co.

ELYS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Kiddier, Adamson, Bell & Co.

ALBA, British barque, Captain George Robb, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PARALON, French barque, Captain T. Pason, Carlowitz & Co.

ARIS W. Wagon, American barque, Captain H. O. Winsor, Order.

VIRIVUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Oak, Order.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "YANGTZE,"
E. SCHULTZE, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 26th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BREMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap28

To-day's Advertisements.

ROSE & Co.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

BEG to inform their numerous Patrons that they have received Ex French and English Mails and other late Arrivals, their NEW GOODS for the Season.

CONSISTING OF:—

The New "ETONA" CLOTHS, YOSEMITES, MUSLINS, GALATEAS, &c., &c., for LADIES' Dresses.

Also, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, in all the Newest Shapes. Boys' SAILOR HATS, in the New Styles.

LADIES' BOOTS and SHOES.

A Good Selection of English and French FLOWERS and FEATHERS. COSTUMES and Paris MILLINERY, SUNSHADES.

VALENCIENNES, BRUSSELS, TORCHON, and other LACES.

FICHUS, LACE SETS.

The "BRETONNE BOW," &c., &c., in the Newest Designs.

COLLARS and SLEEVES, in the Newest Designs.

RIBBONS in all the New Shades, REVERSIBLES, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, CORSETS.

SKIRTS, UNDER-CLOTHING &c., &c., GENTLEMEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, with and without Collars attached.

GENTLEMEN'S India GAUZE VESTS, in great variety.

GENTLEMEN'S Christy's STRAW HATS, and TIES, COLLARS, STUDS, FELT HATS, BRACES, &c., &c.

PERFUMERY, &c., LINENS, SHEETINGS, CALICOES, DIAPERS, TABLE CLOTHS, MUSLIN and LACE CURTAINS, LACE CURTAINS by the Yard, 2 yards Wide.

ROSE & Co., 31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. my9

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, OLEOGRAPHS, CHROMOS, GLASSWARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th of April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at No. 24, Gage Street, Corner of Peel Street,

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Centre Table, Arm Chairs, Easy Chairs, Whatnots, Chimney Glasses, Brussels Carpet, Rugs, Engravings, Olographs, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Bedstead, with Spring Mattress; Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Cheval Glass, Toilet Tables, Washing-stands, Writing Table.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated Ware, &c., &c.

A Cottage Piano, by Lunan, Luback, almost new, and in splendid tune.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on Tuesday, the 29th April.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

F. RAPP,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap30

BILLIARDS!!!

MR. HERBERT ROBERTS,

Champion Hand Stroke Player of the World,

—AND—

MR. FRED. SHORTER,

Third Best Billiard Player in the World,

WILL GIVE

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT,

at the

STAG HOTEL, HONGKONG,

ON

MONDAY EVENING,

the 28th April, 1879.

Play to Commence at 8 p.m.

Admission \$2.

Programme see future Advertisement.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap28

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Per British Steamer "ATHOLL,"

Captain THOMSON, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOP KEE.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap30

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship "ULURUM,"

BRADY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or before the 5th of May.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Steamship "AFGHAN," from RANGOON, are hereby notified, that unless immediate delivery is taken of their Goods, the same will be landed and stored at their risk and expense, uncovered by Fire Insurance.

BIRLEY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap28

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Noon.—Diamond leaves for Macilla.

Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

5 p.m.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household and Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs Nourse & Son's.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, April 25:—

9 p.m.—Billiards Performance at the Stag Hotel.

TUESDAY, April 29:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, April 30:—

2 p.m.—4th leaves for Singapore, &c.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, &c., at No. 2, Gage Street.

5 p.m.—Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club.

THURSDAY, May 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

TUESDAY, May 6:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Extraordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

TUESDAY, May 20:—

3 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

WEDNESDAY, May 28:—

Dividend of 5% on Shares of Yangtze Insurance Association, payable at the office of Russell & Co.

THE

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' Sundries, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerale, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.45 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1879.

So long a period has elapsed since the evidence was taken upon which the C. D. O. Commissioners founded their "conclusions and suggestions," that the usefulness of their remarks is very much lessened. During the last twelve months, for instance, when the provisions of the law have apparently been almost imperatively, serious complaints have been repeatedly made by the naval and military authorities respecting the marked increase in the number of cases. This circumstance, therefore, would seem to supply a practical comment upon the somewhat illogical conclusions arrived at by Commissioners Haylar and Eitel, directly adverse to their view of the working of the brothel laws. Mr. Keawick's note, written subsequently, in which he dissents from the condemnation of his brother Commissioners of the Ordinances (1857 and 1867) referred to, would also be borne out thereby. We are afraid that any attempt to prove that prevention or even mitigation of so dire a disease is a failure, must be so antagonistic to matured experience and the best medical authorities, as to be unworthy of acceptance. So much does this view impress us that a perusal of the C. D. O. Report leads us to the conviction that the Commission should have been composed of impartial medical men, instead of the worthy gentlemen who sat to inquire into the question on this occasion. As a purely sanitary measure it is a specialty, and ought to have been investigated by medical experts. We now realize that the evidence has been taken by amateurs, and the self-evident conclusions have been subsequently drawn by professional men. With all respect to the two Commissioners above named—for Mr. Keawick has put himself "out of Court" by his "note" of dissent—it really seems that the able paper from the pen of Dr. Wells, F.R.S., &c., shows more knowledge of the subject than that of any other in the bulky report. Dr. Wells is of some an officer of great experience, and he has been compelled to make this question the study of his life; and therefore his opinion is altogether in favour not only of the maintenance of the law in its integrity, but of an extension of its provisions. It is not necessary here to discuss the reasons he assigns for this view in other than the most general terms. He says that the amount of disease has been much diminished, and that the type has been modified. All the medical authorities

agree in this; and so far as we can see, the whole of the verbiage advanced in opposition need apply only to details, and not to the principle of the legislation under investigation. This is where the illogical nature of the Commissioners' Report comes in; and the Commissioners would seem at the last to have "fouled" the evidence so as to strengthen their opinion that the Ordinances have been a failure. The Poor Laws of Great Britain do not entirely meet poverty at home, and are often abused; therefore, abolish the Poor Laws!

But, as we have already said, the experience of the last twelve months, or even the last three months, conclusively proves that the law must be strictly enforced, if the health of the soldiers and sailors is to be preserved. Nearly thirty cases in the Navy, and a large increase in the cases which have entered the Military Hospital, show the extreme necessity for abandoning all theories on this all-important question, and setting about measures which will ensure the safety of those who will not take care of themselves. It is true that doubts have been thrown, in certain quarters, upon the gravity of the situation as represented by the competent naval and military surgeons. But until satisfactory and sufficient reasons are advanced for this assumption—at present entirely wanting on the part of those making such statements—we must adhere to the opinion that the medical authorities of the garrison and the fleet have by far the best of the argument.

In the commercial report by H. M.'s Consul-General in Siam for the years 1876-77, just to hand, Mr. Knox enters fully into the question of the defensibility of the act of Government in the latter part of 1877 in placing an embargo on the export of rice. As our own belief has ever been against this species of unnatural interference with trade, as we had occasion to speak pretty strongly on the subject at the time, and as we, only the other day, had to "say a few words" in regard to the policy of the Japanese in the same matter, it may not be out of place to notice what Her Majesty's Consul-General in Siam has to remark on the question. He admits that under the treaties which Siam has entered into with other countries the Government has the right to prohibit the export of rice whenever a scarcity is apprehended. This is the second time that the Government has availed itself of this right. In 1868 the embargo was maintained from January 25th to August 21st; and, although the crop that year was really short, owing to drought in the principal rice-growing districts, there was little or no suffering on the part of the people, so far as the sufficiency of food was concerned; nor did the price of rice exceed that which it usually amounts to when there is a real demand for it. And if, as he believes, there was no occasion for an embargo then, still less was there the least occasion for anything of the kind in 1877, when, not only was there no scarcity, the crop being quite up to the average, but there never was any reasonable cause for believing that there would be a scarcity. The scare was created by a "party" who believed it to be their interest to stop the export, and, Mr. Knox might have added, no doubt subsequently found they had made a very good thing out of it. It is not difficult to understand who comprised the "party." The excuse they took hold of, to work up the necessary agitation for the establishment of an embargo, was the fact that in July and August the rains in Bangkok were undoubtedly less than usual, and in one or two of the least important rice-growing districts, the same was the case. This was enough for the "ring" to work upon. It mattered not to them that in those districts where three-fourths of the crop are usually sown there was every reason to believe the yield would be at least up to the average. No; it suited their book to have this embargo established, and by fair means or foul they effected their object. The usual month's notice was given, and the members of the "ring" were able to stand by and look on, and see many fall into the trap they had laid for them, and laugh in their sleeves and pocket the proceeds of their cunning. Mr. Knox says, quite poetically that "no sooner was the notice given than all rushed in to buy for men who are either particularly anxious to acquire money in haste or fearful of losing it, frequently suffer from a blindness said to overcome those in love." Nor were those who rushed madly into buying up all the rice they could lay their hands on put on their guard by the readiness with which the grocers of paddy met their demands. It might have been known that they were the best judges of the state of the crops, and would not be likely to sell if they believed for a moment that the crop then uncut would not fill their barns again for them. At the same time intelligence was coming in daily from all quarters that the crops were good; but still the game went on. Nearly all the traders in the place being interested in the stocks which remained unsold at Singapore and elsewhere, owing to their excess over ordinary years, additional weight was brought to bear on Government and the embargo was duly enforced, at the expiry of the month's notice. Now, it is evident from the above statement of facts, that the embargo was a commercial manoeuvre on the part of an interested clique of speculators; and although its effects on the people were not so serious as they might have been, the impolicy of the act is none the less severely to be condemned. Such flagrant breaches of the rules of common sense are represented by the act under

review must be put down with a strong hand. The prohibition of the export of rice when crops are good is a decided abuse of the power vested in the Government by the treaties for a special purpose,—to prevent a famine in the land; and if that power is brought into play when there is no reason to apprehend scarcity in the slightest degree, the Government breaks faith entirely with the "Treaty Powers," and an emphatic protest against the recurrence of such a breach of faith should be made. If the Government of Siam is not legitimately to use the privilege it enjoys under Treaty of establishing an embargo only when and because famine threatens, but has made up its mind to use it to suit the schemes of unscrupulous advisers and greedy native speculators to harass trade and shipping; then, the sooner the treaties are carefully revised the better, and their usefulness improved by the deletion of the clause giving the Government this power which they have twice so grossly abused. A third step in this direction would render further non-interference on the part of the Powers under treaty with Siam criminal. What we are astonished at is that the Government of Siam, and those interested in its port, do not themselves perceive the suicidal nature of acts like these. What has, more than anything else, doubt, the steamers, mostly British, running between Bangkok, and Hongkong and Singapore. If they were withdrawn the port would go rapidly to decay. And we are astonished that the authorities of Siam do not understand that such hasty and erratic moves as that of 1877, which sent all the steamers usually carrying rice from Bangkok to seek employment elsewhere for four months, is not exactly the way to lure to their shores the vessels on whom they so greatly depend.

THE relief of Ekowe was effected three weeks ago; another six weeks will have to run before we are in possession of the particulars. The total loss is only two hundred and twenty, that is of course, judging it by the rules which govern all other forms of the English language, written and spoken, save Reuters—the total loss in the action itself by which the relief was accomplished. But what we are still in doubt about is the meaning to be attached to the telegram of Cape date 1st instant, which states that Colonel Pearson had signalled that, up to the 27th March, 200 of the garrison were disabled and only 500 effective. Seeing the latest news we have is that he was safely entrenched there with 1300 men, and he now seems to have only 700 (200 disabled, 500 effective), our little difficulty relates to the 600 unaccounted for.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Per E. B. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 23rd April.

It is stated that the Oriental Bank Corporation intend to close the Foochow Branch, and to reduce the Hongkong and Shanghai business.

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Advices from Cape Town to the 8th April report that Lord Chelmsford's Camp at Ginghamola has been repeatedly attacked and that he repulsed a force of 11,000 Zulus, inflicting heavy loss.

Lord Chelmsford relieved Ekowe on the night of the 4th April. Total British loss 220. Colonel Pearson has evacuated the place and is returning to the Tugela.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE AMERICAN MAILS, from San Francisco March 6th, are long behind-date, through the breaking down of the P. M. steamer *Alaska*, which would probably have Honolulu on the 14th April.

The next AUSTRALIAN MAIL may be expected here on Sunday next, the 27th inst., by the E. and A. mail steamer *Normandy*.

The next FRENCH and AUSTRALIAN MAILS (via Galle) may be expected here on May 1st, by the M. M. steamer *Irregularity*.

The Spanish barques *Nuevo Constante* and *Osada* left Manila for Hongkong on the 17th instant.

OWING to the heavy sea in the harbour this morning a stone junk sank alongside the *Praya* at the *Teh-ny* wharf.

THE crew of the German corvette *Freyja* were to have landed for field exercises this morning at Kowloon, but owing to the weather the drill was postponed.

THE P. M. steamer *City of Tokio* left San Francisco on the 5th, and may be looked for at Yokohama, about Saturday, the 26th instant, (to be known).

FOR the information of the Hongkong Volunteers we may mention that new stands for arms have been made in the gaoi for their use.

AT the Marine Court to-day, Ho Ansh, master of cargo boat No. 875, was fined \$2, with the alternative of four days' hard labour, for throwing rubbish into the harbour.

A INQUEST is to be held to-morrow at half past two o'clock at Wellington Barracks,

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Glenfalas.	Gleencarn.
Breconshire.	Glenartney.

Sailing Westward

Carricks.	Agnes Muir.
Abbey Town.	Ferne.
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At Liverpool.

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TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.
MARINE HOUSE—WEST.
FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, and a
GODOWN.
Apply to
E. R. BELILIOS.
Hongkong, April 16, 1879. my1

To Let—AT WANCHAI.
FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS.
For further Particulars, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 24, 1879. my9

To Let.
(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)
NOS. 10 & 12, LINDHURST TERRACE,
at present occupied by Messrs NUN-
N & KESSOWSKY & Co.
Apply to
LINSTED & Co.
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To Let—AT WANCHAI.
FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS.
Goods of every description Landed and
Stored.
For terms, apply to
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To Let.
OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS,
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

To Let.
PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
Possession 1st March next.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

To Let.
IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2, 3 and 4,
Praya East, with immediate possession.

To Let.
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the
DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-
diate Possession.
Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMEER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.
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Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

To Let.
FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.
Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMEER YARD, close
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Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

To Let.
TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

To Let.
FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
Praya Central.
Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

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STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
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To Let.
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION Company's Steamship
NEMO, Captain A. E. BARLOW, will
leave this on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at
Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without transship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. MALVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, April 24, 1879. my6

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

Insurance.
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Insurance.
THE LONDON ASSURANCE
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.
THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Insurance.
THE SCOTCH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-
mentioned Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance
in China.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

Insurance.
NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.
THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

Insurance.
CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).
NOTICE.
POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Insurance.
LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE).
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Insurance.
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
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